

VISA FEES

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The French Embassy to the Department of State

[TRANSLATION]

EMBASSY OF FRANCE
IN THE UNITED STATES
No. 340 SCA 4-1

WASHINGTON

The Embassy of France presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor to inform it of the following:

The French Government, having revised its schedule of rates for chancellery services, is desirous of concluding with the Government of the United States a new reciprocal agreement replacing the Agreement of December 10, 1946,¹ the stipulations of the new agreement to be in harmony with the new provisions decreed in France.

The new schedule of rates provides for three categories of visas:

For from one day to three months

For one year, valid for any number of stays, each stay not to exceed three months

For more than three months, allowing, in fact, a permanent stay, it being required that foreigners staying in France more than three months present an identification card which is valid for three years and which is renewable.

Subject to those conditions, the French Government proposes an agreement on the following bases:

Visa for a short stay valid for from one day to three months

325 francs (\$2.75)

Visa valid for one year, for several trips, each stay not to exceed three months

500 francs (\$4.20)

Visa for establishing residence for more than three months

1,200 francs (\$10.08)

¹ TIAS 1608, *ante*, p. 1193.

The Embassy would be very grateful if the Department of State would be good enough to inform the Embassy whether it is in agreement with these proposals. If the latter are accepted, they may constitute the subject of an exchange of notes at a date in the very near future, with the result that the new agreement may come into effect on October 1, 1947.

The Embassy avails itself of the occasion of the present note to renew to the Department of State the assurances of its very high consideration.

J. S.

Washington, August 19, 1947

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D.C.

The Acting Secretary of State to the French Ambassador

The Acting Secretary of State presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador of France and has the honor to refer to the Embassy's note no. 340 SCA 4-1 dated August 19, 1947 suggesting a revision of the agreement dated December 10, 1946 relating to visa fees for nonimmigrants.

The note referred to suggests that on and after October 1, 1947 the following visa fees be prescribed for the visa of a valid American passport covering the persons included therein proceeding to France or any of its possessions:

A visa valid for one entry during a period of one year permitting a stay of from one day to three months, 325 francs (equivalent to \$2.75);

A visa valid for any number of entries during a period of one year permitting a stay, on each entry, not to exceed three months, 500 francs (equivalent to \$4.20);

A visa valid for any number of entries during a period of one year permitting a stay, on each entry, of over three months, 1200 francs (equivalent to \$10.08).

The proposal referred to is agreeable to the United States Government.

It is contemplated that on and after October 1, 1947 the following visa fees will be prescribed for collection in the case of French nationals holding valid passports proceeding to the United States or any of its possessions:

A transit visa valid for one entry during a period of one year from the date of issuance, \$2.75;

A nonimmigrant passport visa valid for one or more entries during the period of one year permitting a stay in the United States upon each entry for such period as may be indicated by the immigration authorities, \$4.25;

An immigration visa, \$10.00.

It will be appreciated if the Department may be informed whether the proposal referred to is agreeable to the French Government in order that appropriate notification may be sent to American missions and consular offices regarding the fees to be collected on and after October 1, 1947 in the cases of French nationals proceeding to the United States and its possessions.

G. J. H.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, September 4, 1947.

The French Embassy to the Department of State

[TRANSLATION]

EMBASSY OF FRANCE
IN THE UNITED STATES
No. 366 SCA 4-1

WASHINGTON

The Embassy of France presents its compliments to the Department of State and, in reference to its note No. 340 of August 19 last, has the honor to inform the Department of State that at the request of the Embassy of the United States at Paris the French Government is prepared to provide a supplementary category for a visa valid for two years for any number of entries, each stay not to exceed three months. Such visa would call for a double fee and, consequently, would cost 1,000 francs (\$8.40). Under such conditions, the agreement which the French Government proposed by the above-mentioned note would be on the following bases:

Visa for a short stay valid for from one day to three months

325 francs (\$2.75)

Visa valid for one year, for any number of entries, each stay not to exceed three months

500 francs (\$4.20)

Visa for two years for any number of entries, each stay not to exceed three months

1,000 francs (\$8.40)

Visa for a stay of more than three months

1,200 francs (\$10.08)

The Embassy would be grateful if the Department of State would be good enough to inform the Embassy whether it is in agreement with these proposals.

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The Embassy avails itself of the occasion of the present note to renew to the Department of State the assurances of its very high consideration.

WASHINGTON, *September 5, 1947*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D.C.

The Secretary of State to the French Ambassador

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador of France and has the honor to refer to the Department's note of September 4, 1947, and to the Embassy's note no. 366 SCA 4-1 dated September 5, 1947, relating to visa fees for nonimmigrants.

The Government of the United States of America accepts the proposal referred to in the Embassy's note of September 5, 1947 upon a reciprocal basis and, accordingly, American consular officers have been informed that effective October 1, 1947 the following visa fees have been prescribed for the visa of a valid American or French passport:

For holders of American passports entering France or any of its possessions—

1. Visa valid for one entry during a period of one year permitting a stay of from one day to three months, 325 francs;
2. Visa valid for any number of entries during a period of one year permitting a stay, on each entry, not to exceed three months, 500 francs;
3. Visa valid for any number of entries during a period of two years permitting a stay, on each entry, not to exceed three months, 1,000 francs;
4. Visa valid for any number of entries during a period of two years permitting a stay, on each entry, of over three months, 1,200 francs;

For holders of French passports entering the United States or any of its possessions—

1. Transit visa valid for one application for entry during a period of one year from the date of issuance, \$2.75;
2. Nonimmigrant passport visa valid for one or more applications for entry during a period of one year; the stay in the United States upon each entry will be for such period as may be fixed by the immigration authorities, \$4.25;
3. Nonimmigrant passport visa valid for one or more applications for entry during a period of two years; the stay in the United States upon each entry will be for such period as may be fixed by the immigration authorities, \$8.50.

The immigration visa fee remains unchanged.

G.J.H.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, September 16, 1947.

The French Embassy to the Department of State

[TRANSLATION]

EMBASSY OF FRANCE
IN THE UNITED STATES

No. 387 SCA 4-1

WASHINGTON

The Embassy of France presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor to refer to the note of the Department of State dated September 16, 1947 concerning a new reciprocal agreement relating to passport visa fees, replacing that of December 10, 1946.

The Embassy of France has the honor to inform the Department of State that the French Government accepts the proposals contained in the above-mentioned note and that the following fees will be prescribed as soon as the French consular authorities can receive the necessary instructions for valid passport visas of American citizens entering France or the French possessions.

1. Visa valid for one entry during a period of one year permitting a stay of from one day to three months 325 francs
2. Visa valid for any number of entries during a period of one year permitting a stay, on each entry, not to exceed three months 500 francs
3. Visa valid for any number of entries during a period of two years permitting a stay, on each entry, not to exceed three months 1,000 francs
4. Visa valid for any number of entries during a period of two years permitting a stay, on each entry, of over three months 1,200 francs

For holders of French passports entering the United States or any of its possessions:

1. Transit visa valid for one application for entry during a period of one year from the date of issuance \$2.75
2. Nonimmigrant passport visa valid for one or more applications for entry during a period of one year; the stay in the United States upon each entry will be for such period as may be fixed by the immigration authorities \$4.75
3. Nonimmigrant passport visa valid for one or more applications for entry during a period of two years; the stay in the United States upon such entry will be for such period as may be fixed by the immigration authorities \$8.50

The immigration visa fee remains unchanged.

The Embassy of France avails itself of the occasion of the present note to renew to the Department of State the assurances of its very high consideration.

WASHINGTON, September 16, 1947

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D.C.